

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.

No. D 3261
Date 5.15.32

Extract from Chinese Newspapers Translation

6.3.32.

Suggested Boycott of Messrs. Honigsberg & Son
for supplying cars to the enemy.

The Chamber of Commerce has received the following letter from the Bureau of Public Safety:-

Reports have reached this Bureau to the effect that the firm Honigsberg and Son withdrew the cars which it had sold to the Chinese on the installment basis and given these same cars to the Japanese military authorities. The majority of these cars are Studebaker and their number is legion.

The Company has promised the Chinese purchasers to give them new cars in exchange later on, but this is mere talk. We hereby ask you to investigate this matter with a view to boycotting this firm.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

REPORT ON STRIKE

Bubblingwell Station. February 23, 1932.

Time and date reported 5 p.m. 23-2-32 Time and date I.O. informed _____

By whom reported Special Branch S.M.P.

Trade or profession of strikers Fitters and Mechanics

Number of strikers 38 Male --- Female --- Apprentices ---

Employer's name, address and business Honigberg & Son Fed. Inc. U.S.A.
Automobile agent and Engineer. 271 Medhurst Road

Union to which strikers belong None known

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Employer supplied motor trucks to Japanese Consulate, and is alleged to have withdrawn trucks from Chinese deferred payment owner who failed to keep up instalments, to re-sell to Japanese.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 23-2-32.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike None.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers None known.

Names and addresses of strike leaders Unknown at present.

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration Anti Japanese sentiment believed to have been inflamed by report in mosquito press.

Meeting places of strikers None known.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike ----

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike ----

Name and address of printer of such circulars ----

Precautions taken by Police None thought necessary at present. Will consult employer on 24-2-32.

SUPV. DET. I/O.	INSP. I/O.	D. C. I.	I. O.
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NOTE. "Further" reports should be submitted on the usual Report form.

Translation of an article contained in the "Lung Pao" (龍報)
Extra, No.16, dated February 20, 1932.

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later the four or five old trucks had turned into entirely new vehicles. The most strange thing is that the foreman could speak the English language and he is not a member of the illiterate class. I do not understand why he willingly offered his services to the enemies. Being an eye-witness to the affair I felt very sad and so hurriedly went home. Will you please publish a warning in your newspaper advising these people not to be greedy for money and offer themselves to be utilized by the enemies.

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8. Honigsberg & Son - Fitters and Mechanics - Strike

38 fitters and mechanics of Honigsberg & Son, 271 Medhurst Road, failed to turn up for duty on the morning of February 21 as a protest against their employer supplying motor trucks to the Japanese Consulate. They resumed unconditionally this morning, February 24.

INTELLIGENCE
SUMMARY
14.2.32

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